

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Kohlenberg Glass Works

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Bear Branch Road

6th E.D. 7

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF Park Mills

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Frederick

STATE

COUNTY

Map 104 P 103, Lot 4

Map 104 P 33

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

John F. Bledsoe III Clarence Ohlke

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Ijamsville, Md. 21754 VICINITY OF Adamstown, Md. 21710

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☒ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Kohlenberg Glass Works are located on both sides of Bear Branch Road or Mount Ephraim Road next to Sugarloaf Mountain. Some stone foundations are just barely visible above ground; pieces of slag cover the ground in the vicinity of the glass works site.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1799 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Adam Kohlenberg

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1785 John Frederick Amelung of Bremen, Germany came to Frederick County, Maryland for the specific purpose of finding a glass works. Amelung and his small group of artisans settled in an area near Park Mills Road along Bennett's Creek which they named New Bremen and began glass manufacturing in two glasshouses. Amelung had two associates, Adam Kohlenburg and George Christian Gabler.¹

In 1799, after Amelung went bankrupt and was refused aid by the state legislature, he transferred the property to Kohlenberg and Gabler for the price of 725 boxes of window glass valued at \$4,000.² Kohlenberg and Gabler continued the glass works south of the original works on Bear Branch Creek until at least 1808 when the Varle' shows their existence as a "New Glass Works" in this location.³

In 1813 Kohlenberg died and among the articles listed on an inventory of his estate is a "Set of Glasswork Tools old and much worn" valued at \$34.10 and "plain glass decanters, and old tumblers" which may very well have been manufactured at his works although mostly window pane glass was made.⁴

Some foundations are still in existence on each side of Bear Branch road and slag glass covers the surface of the ground in this area. A professional archeological excavation is in order. Stones from the hearth of one of Kohlenberg's glasshouses are said to have been used in the foundation of the Bear Branch School once located near the glassworks site, and other houses built in the vicinity.

1 Journal of Glass Studies Volume 18, p. 39.

2 Frederick County Commissioners Land Assessment Book, No. 19268, 1798 f. 57, 63, 115, MHR.

3 Map of Frederick County, 1808, Varle'

4 Frederick County Inventories, RB No. 3 f. 443, MHR.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Journal of Glass Works, Volume 18-1976, Corning Museum of Glass, Corning, New York p.39

Frederick County Commissioners, Land Assessment Book, No. 19268, 1798, & 57, 63, 115, MHR, Adam Kohlenberg and George Chris Gable, Chancery Papers, No. 3252, MHR

Frederick County Inventories, RG No. 3, f.443, MHR
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn Widell

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Frederick County Historical Preservation

STREET & NUMBER

12 East Church Street, Winchester Hall

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

DATE

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STATE

Md. 21701

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